



## *Report to the Auburn City Council*

Action Item

Agenda Item No. **6**

City Manager's Approval

**To:** Mayor and City Council Members  
**From:** Bernie Schroeder, Director of Public Works *BS*  
**Date:** June 11, 2012  
**Subject:** Trailer Mounted Message Board Replacement Purchase

### **The Issue**

Shall the City Council authorize the purchase of an electronic message board to replace the equipment damaged during a traffic accident?

### **Conclusions and Recommendation**

Staff recommends that City Council, by **RESOLUTION**, authorize the purchase of a Solar Powered Trailer Mounted Message Board in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.

### **Background**

Several years ago the Auburn Police Department acquired a trailer mounted message board as part of a grant. This equipment was heavily utilized for speed enforcement, parades, Amgen and many other community event warnings and traffic closures. This equipment was also heavily utilized by the Public Works Department for public outreach events such as the pharmaceutical take back, pollution prevention activities, solid waste and various recycling events. In April of 2011, the unit was completely destroyed by a drunk driver and due to the replacement cost versus the amount that was able to be collected from the driver's insurance carrier the City has been unable to replace this vital equipment.

During the past year, the Public Works Department has rented a message board for the pharmaceutical take back event and other traffic closures. Due to both departments utilizing the message board, Staff is recommending that the economical solution is for both departments to combine funding to purchase the equipment. Funding for the replacement purchase will come from the insurance settlement and the sewer enterprise fund.

The Administrative Services Department solicited bids and is recommending the purchase of this equipment from Sierra Safety Company in Newcastle in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.

### **Alternatives Available to Council; Implications of Alternatives**

1. Authorize the purchase of the equipment.
2. Take no action.

### **Fiscal Impact**

The estimated total cost for this equipment has been quoted as \$19,573.13. The insurance settlement funds of \$10,000 will be combined with funds from the Sewer Fund to purchase the message board. Adequate shared funding for this purchase currently exists in the 2011-2011 Sewer Fund #11.

Attachments: Resolution

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RESOLUTION NO. 12-  
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A TRAILER MOUNTED  
MESSAGE BOARD

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THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUBURN DOES HEREBY RESOLVE:

That the City Council of the City of Auburn does hereby authorize the purchase of a solar powered trailer mounted message board in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.

DATED: June 11, 2012

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Kevin Hanley, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Joseph G. R. Labrie, City Clerk

I, Joseph G. R. Labrie, City Clerk of the City of Auburn, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly passed at a regular session meeting of the City Council of the City of Auburn held on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of June 2012 by the following vote on roll call:

Ayes:  
Noes:  
Absent:

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Joseph G. R. Labrie, City Clerk